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MEMORANDUM FOR: COINS Project Manager

SUBJECT : NPIC Contribution to COINS

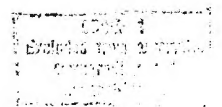
1. As you know, the NPIC Target Brief Header File has been removed from the COINS network. CIA security officials have ruled that this file should be handled as T/KH compartmented data and this compartment is currently prohibited in the COINS network. NPIC has identified one or two other machine files which fit COINS security criteria and therefore could be provided to the network, but in my judgment they are not files which will elicit much interest.

2. The COINS security restriction of Top Secret SI greatly limits the utility of COINS to NPIC and to CIA Headquarters analysts. A high percentage of the non-CIA COINS files concern installations or installation associated data - yet, the primary source for this kind of data is prohibited to COINS.

3. The basic NPIC Target Brief (BLIP) file from which the Target Brief Header file was extracted contains detailed historical and current descriptive data on foreign installations. If this file were in the COINS network, it could greatly impact on COINS utility not only to CIA but also to NSA and DIA. I understand NSA has already requested and has been granted approval to query the file from a non-COINS terminal in NSA when the file becomes available on-line in NPIC at the end of this year.

4. NPIC could make portions of this file available to COINS now and the entire file later this year if other COINS participants could guarantee that only SI, T/KH cleared personnel would have access to COINS terminals. CIA Headquarters and NPIC terminals are already in SI, T/KH compartmented areas.

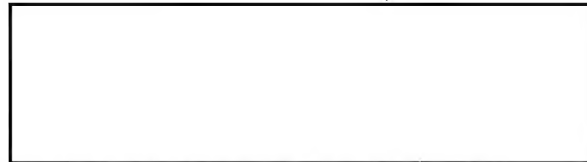
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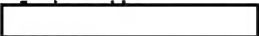
5. Would you please survey other COINS participants to determine whether T/KH data could be processed in the COINS network in the near future? This might be accomplished by clearing additional personnel, restricting terminals to T/KH compartmented areas, or a combination of actions. We will not be able to properly test the utility of COINS until we can overcome this security roadblock.



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